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1. The following troop trains were [REDACTED] between 18 September and 9 October 1951:

Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
18 September	42 cars with troops	Koenigsbrueck	Altengrabow
19 September	9 boxcars and 23 flatcars with troops	Altengrabow	Koenigsbrueck
21 September	50 cars with troops	Roederau	Schwepnitz
22 September	9 boxcars and 25 flatcars with troops	Koenigsbrueck	Altengrabow
23 September	9 boxcars and 20 flatcars with troops	Koenigsbrueck	?
24 September	10 boxcars and 22 flatcars with troops	Altengrabow	Koenigsbrueck
25 September	9 boxcars and 20 flatcars with troops	Koenigsbrueck	Altengrabow
26 September	7 boxcars and 42 flatcars with troops and artillery pieces	Aschersleben	Lieberose

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
	5 boxcars and 27 flatcars with troops	Magdeburg	Lieberose
	42 cars with troops	Koenigsbrueck	Altengrabow
29 September	12 boxcars and 20 flatcars with troops	Chemnitz	Koenigsbrueck
	5 boxcars and 39 flatcars with troops	Falkenberg	Frankfurt/Oder
6 October	62 cars with troops	Schwepnitz	Riesa
9 October	23 cars with troops	Heissen	Schwernitz
	22 cars with troops	Koenigsbrueck	Oschatz
	30 cars with troops	Schwepnitz	Oschatz

2. [redacted] the following eastbound troop trains crossed the border and proceeded to Brest-Litovsk between 21 and 23 September:

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Dispatching Station</u>
21 September	12 boxcars with soldiers, 11 boxcars with equipment, 20 flatcars with vehicles and 2 kitchens and refrigerator cars	Leipzig-Wahren
22 September	11 boxcars with troops and equipment, 10 flatcars with vehicles and 2 kitchens and refrigerator cars	Leipzig-Wahren
23 September	6 boxcars with troops, 15 flatcars with artillery pieces and 25 flatcars with trucks, [redacted]	Magdeburg
	34 boxcars and 13 flatcars with troops	Magdeburg

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3. The following troop trains were observed at the Erfurt railroad station between 2 and 7 October: 25X1

Date	Composition of Troop Train	From	To
2 October	13 cars with troops and 12 cars with motor vehicles.	Wasserthaleben	Gotha

6 October	17 cars with motor vehicles,	Erfurt	westbound
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6 October	9 boxcars with troops 11 cars with 122-mm field howitzers and 7 cars with motor vehicles	Erfurt	westbound
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4. 5 eastbound trains of empty boxcars, including two trains which came from Strausberg, passed through that station between 29 September and 5 October. A train of 35 boxcars and another train of 45 boxcars were observed at Kuestrin-Rietz on 3 and 7 October respectively. The two trains were occupied by Soviet troops, came from the east, and proceeded toward Frankfurt/Oder. The platform was cordoned off by Soviet railroad police on the arrival and during period the trains were in the station. (4)

5. Other troop trains observed at the Kuestrin-Rietz railroad station included: an eastbound train of 45 cars with troops, coming from Finow, on 12 October; a westbound train of 35 cars with air force troops proceeding to Greifswald on 13 October; and a westbound train of 35 boxcars with troops proceeding to Frankfurt/Oder on 15 October. (5)

6. Troop trains between 10 and 15 October included:

Date in October	Composition of Troop Train	From	To
10	35 empty converted boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Gumbinnen
13	55 empty converted boxcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Insterburg

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Train	From	To
15	53 converted boxcars, 75 percent with troops and 25 percent empty	Gerdauen	Frankfurt/Oder
18	53 converted boxcars with unarmed troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets	Frankfurt/Oder	Insterburg

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7.

[redacted] a freight train of 120 axles, [redacted] was dispatched from Neuruppin to Forst Zinna during the night of 6 October. (6)

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8.

[redacted] an eastbound train of 30 boxcars and 20 flatcars, [redacted] carrying air force soldiers, dependents, and crates for jet planes, came from Neuruppin and crossed the border on 13 October. (7)

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9.

On 17 October, a troop train, which proceeded toward the Berlin Outer Freight Ring, was observed in Belzig and Seddin. The train carried soldiers, with black-bordered red epaulets, and motor vehicles, [redacted] (8)

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(1) Comments.

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Six of the troop trains mentioned in paragraph 1 have probably been reported [redacted] Reports from Altengrabow indicated that elements of the 3d (?) Gds AT Arty Brig were loaded on the trains [redacted]

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The troop trains [redacted] were probably two of the three troop trains which, [redacted] were unloaded in Lieberose on 26 September. [redacted] The reference report stated, however, that the trains in Lieberose came from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. The previous assumption, [redacted] is thus confirmed. The train with shipment [redacted] was previously observed in Chemnitz [redacted] The train carried a component of the 6th (?) Gds AAA Div. [redacted] One of the two trains dispatched to Oschatz on 9 October, which carried elements of the artillery regiment of the 9th Tank Div, has been observed in Koenigsbrueck [redacted]

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(2)

[redacted] three troop trains [redacted] [redacted] probably loaded with ground personnel of air force units and unassembled wooden barracks, came from Leipzig and proceeded eastward via Frankfurt/Oder between 22 and 24 September. [redacted] The two troop trains proceeding toward Brest-Litovsk on 21 and 22 September in the present report are believed to be identical with two of the previously reported trains despite the difference in composition. [redacted]

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is assigned to the 32d (?) AAA Div, elements of which are stationed in the barracks installation in Kuestrin-Kietz. The troop train on 23 September in the present report is believed to be identical with the troop train [redacted], which went from Juecherbog to Kuestrin-Kietz, carrying elements of the 32d (?) AAA Div. [redacted]

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[redacted] the present report probably determined the dispatching and receiving stations incorrectly, since no eastbound troop trains were observed either via Frankfurt/Oder or Kuestrin during the period concerned. The troop train of 34 boxcars and 13 flatcars reported between Magdeburg and Brest Litovsk on the same day is **doubted**.

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- (3) No previous information on the four troop trains is available.

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[redacted] the first train would have carried an IVD unit, the second train a headquarters unit of the Eighth Gds Army and the fourth train an element of the 65th Gds Recz Regt of the 20th Gds Recz Div in Jena. Dispatching and receiving station of the fourth train are doubted.

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- (4) A similar observation was made in a previous report [redacted]

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[redacted] The two trains carrying soldiers from the U.S.S.R. on 3 and 7 October were also observed in Kuestrin and Frankfurt/Oder [redacted]

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- (5) With the exception of the troop train of 10 October, all empty trains or trains with troops between 10 and 13 October were also observed [redacted] It was noted that several of the trains, which beginning on 3 October carried soldiers from the U.S.S.R. to the Soviet Zone of Germany, [redacted]

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- (6) The troop train was previously reported [redacted]

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- (7) Compare with a similar report from Frankfurt/Oder [redacted]

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- (8) The [redacted] indicates that a unit of the GCPG was on the train.

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